



## CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

**Date:** October 15, 2013

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Kevin Dick, Director of Economic and Workforce Development  
**Subject:** Amendment to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant Project Ordinance #14442

### Executive Summary

This memorandum outlines a recommendation to extend the contract between the City of Durham and Alliance Behavioral Healthcare from and end date of September 30, 2013 through November 30, 2013 and to increase the amount of the contract by \$10,000.00. The purpose of the contract is to help transition youth (aged 16-21) who have been identified as (1) having significant functional impairments, and/or (2) disconnected or at risk of becoming disconnected from services and supports. Specifically, the program supports a minimum of 120 youth per year in becoming gainfully employed through the collaborative efforts of the BECOMING project.

Approval of this contract amendment would allow uninterrupted services to be provided to Becoming Youth beyond the existing contractual completion date which expired on September 30, 2013.

This item also amends the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant Project Ordinance #14442.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council,

1. Authorize the City Manager to accept the SAMHSA grant as a sub-recipient through Alliance Behavioral Healthcare by adopting the amended FY13-14 Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$85,000.00, superseding Grant Project Ordinance #14442; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment and extension with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare increasing the contract amount by \$10,000.00 for a total contract amount of \$70,000.00 to further implement the pilot employment and training program for youth enrolled in the SAMHSA funded program.

### Background

The Durham Center (currently known as Alliance Behavioral Healthcare) was the local area authority in Durham County for the coordination and provision of services for individuals with mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse barriers. In 2010, OEWD submitted a joint application with the Durham Center (as the lead agency) to the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide coordinated employment and training services to transition age youth (ages 16-21) who have been identified as (1) having significant functional impairments, and/or (2) disconnected or at risk

of becoming disconnected from services and supports. In 2011, OEWD received notification that the Durham Center was awarded the SAMSHA grant in the amount of \$5.4 million dollars to implement the BECOMING (Building Every Chance of Making It Now and Grown Up) program to build a comprehensive system of care for high risk youth ages 16 to 21 who have mental health conditions.

OEWD entered into a contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare on October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013 in the amount of \$60,000.00.

On June 18, 2012 City Council approved Grant Project Ordinance #14292 in the amount of \$60,000.00. The City Manager later approved a contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare on August 3, 2012 in the amount of \$15,000.00. The proposed extension of \$10,000.00 and corresponding grant award to the City would increase the value of the grant project ordinance to \$85,000.00.

### **Issues and Analysis**

As the sub-recipient and partner in this program, OEWD has been awarded a contract extension in the amount of \$10,000.00 to continue work with its network of local partners and JobLink Career Center staff to; support in the outreach and recruitment efforts of the program; make program referrals; leverage federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) resources to provide case management and supportive services; and provide job placement assistance for transition age youth ages 16-24 of the SAMHSA program. Youth participants will also have the opportunity to engage in various types of training that will help increase their marketability and support them in gaining employment in high-growth and high demand occupations upon their completion and/or fulfillment of program obligations.

It is contemplated that there would be an extension to this contract for services to be delivered from December 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014; however, final terms of the contract for that time period had not been fully negotiated by the time of the preparation of this agenda item. Therefore, the recommended contract amendment contained herein has been proposed so that service delivery to youth would not be interrupted.

The activities that are undertaken with the funds awarded for this pilot employment and training grant are aligned with the vision(s) and objectives of the Durham City Council, Durham Workforce Development Board, Alliance Behavioral Health Care, and the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency, as they relate to engaging at-risk/transitional youth in training and providing coordinated employment opportunities. To date, the following activities have taken place in the contract-related aspects of the BECOMING project:

- 239 individuals have attended employability workshops conducted by BECOMING employment staff
- Conducted the Mental Health 101 training for workforce staff
- Conducted It's Up to You employment classes/resource group meetings at the Parrish Street Forum
- Coordinate with referred youth and connecting them to the JobLink center, connecting them with the ex-offender program as needed, etc.
- Developed a display to commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month to be set up at City Hall; wrote a proclamation for the DWDB to approve; and assisted with the development of a press release to promote NDEAM activities

**Alternatives**

Council may choose to neither approve the amended SAMHSA FY13-14 Grant Project Ordinance nor authorize the contract with the Alliance Behavioral Healthcare to implement this joint training program.

If Council chooses to not adopt the SAMHSA Grant Project Ordinance nor authorize the contract with the Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, OEWD would be less able to provide coordinated employment and training services to transition age youth (ages 16-21) identified under the BECOMING project.

**Financial Impact**

This contract will be paid with grant funds received from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, with OEWD as a sub-grant recipient, under the contract and authority of Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. Funding or not funding this item will have no impact on the City's general fund. SAMHSA authorizes the use of these funds to conduct workforce development activities within the County of Durham for FY13-14.

**SDBE Summary**

An SDBE summary is inapplicable because no project-specific goals have been set and no SDBE's are involved in this item.

**Attachments**

SAMSHA Agreement between Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and The City of Durham - 6 pages.